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BCPS principals, The Education Foundation announce new scholarship for future educators

Community invited to contribute; scholarships to be awarded to 2022 graduates

Towson, MD – Baltimore County Public Schools' principals have joined with <u>The Education Foundation of</u> <u>BCPS, Inc.</u>, to launch the new Lead for Tomorrow in Education Scholarship for BCPS students interested in becoming educators.

Up to six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The scholarship application process is open to eligible BCPS students who plan to enroll in an education-related undergraduate degree program.

"Our students are at the center of everything as educators," said Kyria Joseph, principal of Milford Mill Academy and originator of the scholarship fund. "This scholarship is an investment in our children to encourage them to become educators and bring their talents back to BCPS. This is the legacy work that will unite our school communities."

"In creating this scholarship, our principals, once again, have demonstrated their deep commitment to creating opportunities for our students and strengthening the school system," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "This new scholarship is in total alignment with our strategic plan, 'The Compass: Our Pathway to Excellence.' It will enhance our efforts to create greater teacher diversity and better teacher retention."

"We invite community members to <u>contribute to the scholarship fund</u> on the foundation's website," said Deborah Phelps, director of The Education Foundation. "A donation to this fund today is an investment in public education tomorrow." The Education Foundation of BCPS, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that supports improved educational outcomes for BCPS through fundraising, advocacy, and programs.

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